PATENT 5181-59000/P4774 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit: 2661 re Application of: § Examiner: Unknown Tahan § § § Serial No. 09/740,100 Atty. Dkt. No. 5181-59000 § § Filed: December 18, 2000 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being § deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for § **COMMUNITY SEPARATION** For: Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date indicated § CONTROL IN A CLOSED below: **MULTI-COMMUNITY NODE** 99999

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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| 1449 and/or the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | a. | | within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. | | | | | | | | | |
| | b. | | after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed. | | | | | | | | | |

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| 2. | It is hereby certified: | | | | | |
| | | that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or | | | | |
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| 3. | | Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested: | | | | |
| 4. | For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449: | | | | | |
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| | | reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or | | | | |
| | | reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below: | | | | |
| 5. | | Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration: | | | | |
| 6. | | Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references. | | | | |
| 7. | | The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application. | | | | |

| 8. | Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application. |
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